

DETAILED ACTION

The reply filed on 3-2-04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

With respect to the modification to claim 157 of 'includes receiving "shift keyed data comprising" caller identification data'...., the response does not point out where support for this feature is found in the original disclosure nor were specific support for this implementation of the invention is supported in conjunction wit the features of claim 163 which refers to an ISDN connection.

Applicant's Response

One of ordinary skill in the art would recognize figures 2A and 2B as teaching the claimed invention. Support for the claimed element is provided in the original application on page 11, line 24 through page 12, line 2.

Examiner's Comment

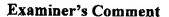
With respect to new claims 190 and 191, support for the newly added limitation which refers to a message center functioning in conjunction with the answering apparatus of claim 157 has not been provided.

Applicant's Response

Support for the claimed elements of claims 190 and 191 is found on page 15, lines 9-19 of the original specification.

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Further, as an aside, with reference to the substitute specification filed 11-20-03, reference in 2. is made to claiming benefit to filing date of 08/726,024 (which is the instant application), as such it is not clear of intent of this statement of if intent is to make the filing of the substitute specification a CIP of the earlier filing date, or if this is merely a mistyped serial number?

Applicant's Response

Applicant appreciates the aside and is submitting herewith a replacement page, which corrects the above identified oversight.

Conclusion

The claims in condition for allowance, this action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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